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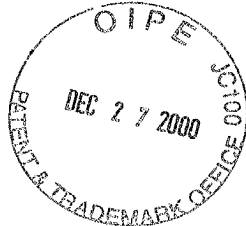
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants herewith call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of an United Kingdom Search Report dated November 27, 2000 with respect to related Great Britain application No. GB 0014425.3 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 2 274 552 to BATES, entitled "Interference Suppression Circuit for a Two-Speed Electric Motor", which was published on July 27, 1994. Applicants note that this document was cited as a category "Y" document (indicating a document of particular relevance if combined with another document of the same category) with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United Kingdom application;

United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 2 234 757 to SHIBUYA, entitled "Sintered Carbon Brush", which was published on February 13, 1991. Applicants note that this document was cited as a category "Y" document with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United

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Kingdom application:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 078 417 A1 to ISHIKAWA, entitled "D.C. Motor for a Vehicle", which was published on May 11, 1983. Applicants note that this document was cited as a category "Y" document with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United Kingdom application;

U.S. Patent No. 4,384,223 to ZELT, entitled "Radio-Frequency Interference Suppressing System for Permanent Magnet Field Motor", which issued on May 17, 1983. Applicant notes that this document was cited as category "Y" document with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United Kingdom application;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 57 196851 to ISAO, entitled "DC Rotary Electric Machine", which was published on December 2, 1982. Applicants note that this document was cited as a category "Y" document with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United Kingdom application. An English language Abstract of the same is also enclosed; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 55 068847 to KENICHI, entitled "Brush Unit of Commutator Motor", which was published on May 23, 1980. Applicants note that this document was cited as a category "Y" document with respect to at least claims 1 and 2 of the United Kingdom application. An English language Abstract of the same is also enclosed.

The relevancy of each document is noted in the United Kingdom Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and cite the above-mentioned documents. Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached

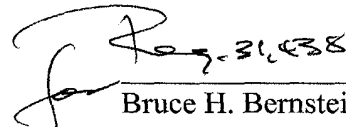
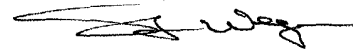
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PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application, thus no certification is believed to be due. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1/17(p), to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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